

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 17, 2005. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) added no claims; 2) amended claim 1, 21, 24 and 27; and 3) canceled no claims. As such, claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims.

CONCLUSION


For the reasons provided above, applicant respectfully submits that the current set of claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes an additional telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Michael J. Mallie at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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